

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 7 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 11 through 22 have been added. A deposit account order form charging the additional claim fee against the deposit account No. 13-3955 of Monarch Marking Systems, Inc. is submitted herewith.

The rejection of claim 8 and dependent claims 9 and 10 is respectfully traversed. Claim 8 defines an improved combination over the patent to Fukumoto (U.S. patent 5,047,615). Claim 8 defines an elongate housing having a front portion with a compartment adapted to receive a data entry device, wherein the housing provides space at the rear portion of the housing for receiving a roll of a label web, an elongate printed circuit board disposed in the housing, at least one battery on the printed circuit board at the front portion of the housing and a print module mounted on the circuit board at the rear portion of the housing. In the reference the housing does not provide space for receiving a label roll, rather the roll is outside the housing where it is exposed to dust and other contaminants. There is no disclosure in the reference of any battery at the front portion of an elongate printed circuit board or of a print module mounted in the rear portion of the circuit board. The Fukumoto patent fails to disclose the specifically claimed combination and the claim is submitted to be clearly patentable thereover. Claims 8 and 9 further define features, in

combination, not taught by the reference and are also submitted to be allowable over the reference.

Claim 11 is directed to a printer which includes, inter alia, an elongate housing having a front portion with an open-ended channel-shaped compartment adapted to slidably receive a data entry device through the open end of the compartment. The Fukumoto patent discloses a device wherein the data entry device can only be dropped into an open-top recess and is not slidable through an open end of an open-ended channel-shaped compartment as claimed. Also, there is no disclosure in the reference of an elongate printed circuit board disposed in the housing with a rear portion on which the print module is mounted. There is no suggestion in the reference of this claimed structure, and the claimed combination is simply not met.

The reference is also devoid of teaching the invention of claims 12 and 13. There is no teaching of a battery access opening in the housing between the compartment and the inside of the housing as claimed, or as claimed in claim 13 of a door for such an opening.

Claim 14 defines a printer including, inter alia, an elongate printed circuit board in the housing extending from the front portion to the rear portion of the housing, and a print module mounted on the printed circuit board at the rear portion of the housing, wherein the front portion of the housing has a compartment adapted to receive a data entry device. Also, there is no teaching in the reference of the

housing having space within the rear portion for receiving a roll of a label web.

Claim 15 defines the printer of claim 11 together with a portable data entry device and is also submitted to be allowable.

Claims 16 and 17 add features like those added to claim 11 by claims 12 and 13 and are also submitted to be allowable.

Claim 18 defines the printer of claim 14 together with a portable data entry device and is also submitted to be allowable.

Claim 19 defines the printer of claim 8 together with a portable data entry device and is also submitted to be allowable.

Claim 20 defines a printer along the lines of claim 11 but additionally defines the housing as having a pair of opposed substantially mirror-image housing sections which support the elongate printed circuit board. Claims 21 and 22 make like additional to language found in respective claims 14 and 8.

Claims 15 through 20, for reasons stated above, define patentability over the Fukumoto patent.

Early action and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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